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a polymer obtainable by free-radical addition polymerization of ethylenically unsaturated compounds (monomers) and synthesized from at least 60% by weight of principal monomers selected from C1 to C20 alkyl (meth)acrylates, vinyl esters of carboxylic acids containing up to 20 carbon atoms, vinylaromatics having up to 20 carbon atoms, ethylenically unsaturated nitriles, vinyl halides, vinyl ethers of alcohols containing 1 to 10 carbon atoms, aliphatic hydrocarbons having 2 to 4 carbon atoms and one or two double bonds, and mixtures of these monomers, and from more than 1% by weight of monomers containing at least two nonconjugated polymerizable vinyl groups.

2. An adhesive according to claim 1, wherein the polymer is synthesized from at least 60% by weight of C1 to C20 alkyl (meth)acrylates.

- 3. An adhesive according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the polymer is synthesized from 1.1% to 5% by weight of alkanediol diacrylates or alkanediol dimethacrylates.
 - 4. An adhesive according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the polymer is an emulsion polymer.
- 25 5. An adhesive according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the adhesive otherwise contains no further crosslinkers.
 - 6. An adhesive according to any one of claims 1 to 5, being a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

7. The use of an adhesive according to any one of claims 1 to 6 for joining two substrates of which at least one is made of PVC.

- 8. The use of an adhesive according to any one of claims 1 to 6 for joining two substrates of which at least one is made of plasticized PVC.
 - 9. The use according to claim 7 or 8, wherein the adhesive/pressure-sensitive adhesive is applied to backing material made of unplasticized or plasticized PVC.
- 40 10. A self-adhesive article obtainable through use according to claim 9.